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1. PLEASE FORWARD 3 COPIES OF DRAFT PID AND ANY OTHER
DOCUMENTATION ON SUBJECT PROJECT TO OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR/PARIS (ODC) ASAP.

2. TUESDAY, SEPT. 23, MINCOOPERATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
PROGRAMS GUILBAUD AND DEPUTY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR TECHNICAL
SERVICES LANGER MET WITH W.P. MURPHY, NASA EUROPEAN
REP (RESIDENT PARIS) AND ODC FOR TOUR D'HORIZON SUBJECT.
UNFORTUNATELY, CNES OFFICIALS WERE AT CONFERENCE OUT-
SIDE PARIS AND COULD NOT PARTICIPATE. WEDNESDAY, SEPT.
24, ODC MET WITH MINCOOP DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AUDIBERT
WHO AGREED WITH APPROACH OUTLINED BELOW.

3. FRENCH VIEW SIMILAR THAT REF C, THAT ACTIVITY SHOULD
INCLUDE TRAINING, ABILITY RECEIVE AND PROCESS SATELLITE
DATA, INTERPRETATION AND PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES
TO COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN USING RESOURCE. FRENCH ACCEPT
IDEA OF JOINT US-FRENCH MISSION AND APPEAR ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE MID OCTOBER TARGET DATE SUGGESTED REF C.
ODC WILL MEET WITH CNES AND MINCOOPERATION OFFICIALS
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NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN BETTER INSIGHT RE PREPARATORY WORK

ALREADY COMPLETED BY CNES. W.P. MURPHY IS TRAVELING TO U.S. AND WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WEEK OF OCT.6-10. HE MAY BE REACHED THROUGH MR. BARNES (CODE I) NASA HEADQUARTERS. SUGGEST A.I.D. MEET WITH NASA DURING MURPHY TDY TO REVIEW APPROACH TO STUDY, AND THEN SEND CABLE TO AMEMBASSIES PARIS AND OUAGADOUGOU OUTLINING TIMING OF STUDY, TERMS OF REFERENCE, COMPOSITION OF TEAM, SKILLS TO BE FILLED BY U.S. PARTICIPANTS AND THOSE SUGGESTED FOR FRENCH PARTICIPANTS.

4. MINCOOPERATION OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY PARIS BELIEVE MOST OF TECHNICAL PREPARATORY WORK CAN BE DONE PRODUCTIVELY IN PARIS USING INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY CNES. THEREFORE, ALTERNATIVE PROJECT PROPOSALS AND COST ESTIMATES CAN BE DEVELOPED BY TEAM PRIOR TO TRAVEL TO UPPER VOLTA. THIS WOULD THEN FOCUS DISCUSSIONS IN UPPER VOLTA ON TWO MAIN THEMES: (1) SELECTION OF THE BEST ALTERNATIVE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL AND WORKING OUT OF THE PLAN FOR ITS FINANCING AND EXECUTION, AND (2) ORGANIZING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGEMENT AND PROVISION OF SERVICES TO POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES. FYI JEAN AUDIBERT CONCURS WITH CDO THAT CIEH SEEMS BEST INSTITUTIONAL LINK FOR MANAGING CENTER.

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